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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7101

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STATE FOR SY AND ARA

USIA FOR IOS-ATTN: FRANK A. CHIANCONE; ILA

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SUBJECT: PROGRAM FOR COMBATING TERRORISM

REF: A) STATE 042919

B) USIA 7531 CIRCULAR

C) SAN JOSE 1727

1. REFERENCE (C), EMBASSY SUBMISSION TO STATE SY, BEING RE-TRANSMITTED TO IOS FOR INFORMATION. OTHER EMBASSY REQUIREMENTS BEING SUBMITTED TO ARA, OC, AND FBO, AS APPROPRIATE, INFO IOS.

2. USIS SAN JOSE IS STAFFED BY THREE OFFICERS AND ONE WASHINGTON COMPLEMENT (JOT). POST OPERATIONS ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE PHYSICAL PLANTS: THE CHANCERY WHERE THE PAO AND CAO HAVE OFFICES; THE FILM AND PHOTO/TV SECTIONS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CHANCERY, WHERE USIS OFFICERS VISIT DAILY AND THE SAN JOSE BI-NATIONAL CENTER, WHERE THE ACAO/BNC DIRECTOR AND THE JOT HAVE THEIR OFFICES. THE BNC IS SOME MILES FROM THE CHANCERY. THERE ARE TWO PROVINCIAL BNCS LOCATED IN PUERTO LIMON AND TURRIALBA, WHICH ARE LOCALLY STAFFED. THESE "B" CENTERS ARE VISITED BY THE PAO AND CAO ON A REGULAR BASIS. BOTH THE FILM AND PHOTO/TV SECTIONS AT THE BNC ARE VERY

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OPEN AND LACK ADEQUATE PROTECTION.

3. MISSION OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT THE FOLLOWING MEASURES TO IMPROVE USIS OFFICERS' SECURITY IN MEDIA EXTENSION OPERATIONS AND CULTURAL CENTERS ARE NEEDED AND RECOMMENDED:

A. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT:

1. MOBILE MOTOROLA RADIO, HANDSET, INSTALLATION, BASE STATION, TOWER AND ANTENNA. \$2,456.71.

2. THREE OPS/FM-5B TRANSCEIVERS, INSTRUCTION MANUAL, TRANSMISSION LINE, POWER SUPPLY, CONNECTOR ADAPTERS, ANTENNA. \$2,078.75.

3. THREE WALKIE-TALKIES. \$3,105.00.

SUB-TOTAL \$7,640.46
SHIPPING AND TRANSP. 500.00
TOTAL \$8,140.46

B. USIS BUILDING:

1. SUPPLY AND INSTALL ELECTRONIC BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM WITH MICROWAVE INTRUDER SENSORS. \$675.00.

C. BI-NATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER:

1. FIRE ALARM PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR NEW \$250,000 BUILDING WITH AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE DIALER. \$2,828.

THEATER PROTECTION SYSTEM, NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE ESTIMATE BEING PREPARED IN U.S., WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS RECEIVED BY LOCAL CONTRACTOR. ESTIMATED COST WILL BE AT LEAST \$3,500.

2. BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM WITH MICROWAVE INTRUDER SENSORS. \$2,345.

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1. PAO: GENERAL REPAIR OF EXISTING PHOTO ELECTRIC SYSTEM, TAX FREE \$963.06.

2. CAO: SUPPLY AND INSTALL ELECTRONIC BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM WITH MESL MICROWAVE INTRUDER SENSOR AND PHOTO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM, TAX FREE. \$895.04.

3. BI-NATIONAL CENTER'S DIRECTOR: SUPPLY AND
INSTALL ELECTRONIC BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM, TAX FREE. \$1,176.37

E. WATCHMAN SERVICE: ONE DAY AND NIGHT CIVILIAN GUARD
FOR THE BI-NATIONAL CENTER. \$2,500 PER YEAR (2 GUARDS).

*. WATCHCLOCK, DETEX GUARDSMAN AND WATCHCLOCK KEY
STATIONS. \$265.00.

4. CHARGE'S COMMENTS:

ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PREPARED BY USIS AND
EMBASSY IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO INVITATION IN REF. (B)/1
WHILE I CERTAINLY FAVOR ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS TO
ENHANCE PROTECTION OF USG PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY,
AND CONCUR THAT EVERYTHING REQUESTED ABOVE WOULD
BE USEFUL (A-1 AND 2; B; C; D-1, E AND F ARE PARTIC-
ULARLY IMPORTANT) I WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I
DO NOT CONSIDER THE PERSONNEL COVERED IN THE MESSAGE
MORE (OR LESS) VULNERABLE AS TARGETS OF TERRORIST
ATTACKS THAN OTHER OFFICERS OF COMPARABLE RANK AND
PUBLIC EXPOSURE THROUGHOUT THE TOTAL USG MISSION
AT THE POST. I WOULD HOPE THAT IN TIME THERE WILL
BE FUNDS TO PROVIDE PROTECTIVE SECURITY EQUIPMENT
FOR ALL SUCH PERSONNEL REGARDLESS OF AGENCY.

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